

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application:

1-15. (canceled).

16. (currently amended): A hand-held laser fusion welding torch system, comprising:
a body having a first end and a second end, the body first end adapted to couple to laser beam delivery system;
a handle coupled to the body and dimensioned to be grasped by a hand;
a nozzle having a first end, a second end, and an outer surface, the nozzle first end coupled to the body second end, the nozzle second end including an aperture through which a laser beam from the laser beam delivery system may pass through to laser beam focal point; and
one or more a plurality of filler material supply channels, each filler supply channel including extending between an inlet port formed in the nozzle outer surface and an outlet port formed in the nozzle second end, each inlet port configured to receive filler material, each outlet port configured to discharge filler material toward a filler material focal point,
wherein the laser beam focal point and the filler material focal point are independently adjustable; and
~~an annular channel formed in the nozzle second end and surrounding the nozzle aperture, the annular channel configured to provide fluid communication between each of the filler material supply channel outlet ports.~~

17. (original): The torch system of Claim 17, further comprising:
a removable gas cover adapted to detachably couple to the nozzle, the gas cover having an aperture through which the laser beam from the laser beam delivery system may pass when the gas cover is coupled to the nozzle

18. (original): The torch system of Claim 18, further comprising:
a gas flow delivery system coupled to the removable gas cover.

19. (currently amended): The torch system of Claim 17, further comprising:
a powder supply system coupled to the ~~annular powder delivery orifice arrangement~~ filler
media supply channels and operable to supply filler media to the filler media ~~feed assembly~~
supply channels.

20-25. (canceled).